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International application No. PCT/GB99/04013	Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06284WO
International filing date (day/month/year) 01 December 1999 (01.12.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 01 December 1998 (01.12.98)
Applicant HART, John, Ernest	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
21 June 2000 (21.06.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06284W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
International application No. PCT/GB 99/ 04013	International filing date (day/month/year) 01/12/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 01/12/1998
Applicant ENDOCRINE PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GB 99/04013

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K35/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS, MEDLINE, CHEM ABS Data, SCISEARCH

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	HART JE: "Pituitary-related weight changes affecting the liver, uterus and adrenal glands of rats treated with hexoestrol and clomiphene in high doses" TOXICOLOGY, vol. 61, no. 2, 17 April 1990 (1990-04-17), pages 185-94, XP000929158 cited in the application the whole document	1-9

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

18 July 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

27/07/2000

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(21) International Application Number: PCT/GB99/04013 (22) International Filing Date: 1 December 1999 (01.12.99) (30) Priority Data: 9826186.0 1 December 1998 (01.12.98) GB (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): ENDOCRINE PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED [GB/GB]; 19 Herbert Street, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HP (GB). (72) Inventor; and (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): HART, John, Ernest [GB/GB]; 19 Herbert Street, Old Town, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HP (GB). (74) Agent: GILL JENNINGS & EVERY; Broadgate House, 7 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LH (GB).		(81) Designated States: AE, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report.</i> (88) Date of publication of the international search report: 19 October 2000 (19.10.00)
(54) Title: ISOLATED MATERIAL HAVING AN ANTI-ORGANOTROPHIC EFFECT (57) Abstract A material having the ability to reduce organ mass has been isolated by collecting ovarian venous blood from a female mammal; preparing ovarian venous plasma from the blood; and at least partially purifying said material from the plasma. This material has therapeutic and other uses, e.g. in the treatment of organ or tissue hypertrophy.		

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06284WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB99/04013	International filing date (day/month/year) 01/12/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 01/12/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61K35/16		
Applicant ENDOCRINE PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 21/06/2000	Date of completion of this report 18.08.2000
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority: European Patent Office	Authorized officer 

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB99/04013

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-9 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-9
	No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB99/04013

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: Hart J.E.: TOXICOLOGY, vol. 61, no. 2, 1990, pages 185-94

2. Claims 1-9 meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT because their subject matter is new and inventive over the prior art cited in the search report (see below).
 - 2.1 D1 which is the only prior art document cited in the search report, represents the closest prior art. As acknowledged in the application, D1 (see e.g. abstract), discloses that clomiphene antagonises the ability of the oestrogen hexoestrol to increase the organ weight of several organs in female rats.
 - 2.2 The present invention relates to a material containing at least partially purified ovarian venous plasma prepared from ovarian venous blood from a female mammal, and to the use of said material for the treatment of organ or tissue hypertrophy.
 - 2.3 The principle underlying the subject matter of the present claims is based on the finding that an endogenous material obtained by at least partially purifying ovarian venous plasma prepared from ovarian venous blood from a female mammal can diminish the size and weight of many organs and tissues throughout the body. [Said finding is supported by the experimental data of the present application].
 - 2.4 Since nothing in D1 teaches or suggests the existence of such a endogenous material, the subject matter of the present
 - (i) claims 1-7 (which are directed to the aforementioned material);
 - (ii) claim 8 (which is directed to a pharmaceutical composition comprising said material); and

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

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(iii) claim 9 (which is directed to the use of said material for the treatment of hypertrophy)
is considered to be new and inventive.

3. Claims 1-9 satisfy the criterion set forth in Art. 33(4) PCT because their subject matter is susceptible of industrial application.